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ADVENT.

MISSION CHURCH OF S. JOHN BAPTIST,

PORTLAND.

Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes
The Saviour promised long;
Let every heart prepare a throne
And every voice a song.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,—

Christmas is coming! If it is to be a bright and happy Christmas we must keep it with Christ. Where He is absent all is dark and dreary, however we may strive to satisfy ourselves with the excitements of the world and self-indulgence. Let us then prepare for Christmas by spending the four weeks of Advent in prayer and devotion, and in trying to realize more than before the meaning and consequences of the great central fact of our most holy religion, "The WORD was made flesh and dwelt among us." Let us try to find out every sin which separates us from Christ, grieves Him, dishonors Him, and put it away. He comes to us now with His Truth to guide us, with His Precious Blood to cleanse us, with His Holy Spirit to illuminate and strengthen us, with Holy Food to nourish us. He will come to us again in the hour of Death and in the day of Judgment and say "Give an account of thy Stewardship."

"Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the Master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing or in morning: lest coming suddenly He find you sleeping." St. Mark xiii: 35–36.

Your affectionate Pastor,

JOHN M. DAVENPORT.

(See over for List of Services and Sermons.)

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ADVENT SERVICES.

SUNDAYS.

Holy Eucharist,..... 8 a. m. | Children's Service and Catechising, 4.00 p. m.
Mattins, Litany and Sermon,.....11 a. m. | Evensong and Sermon,..... 7.30 p. m.

Except on the 4th Sunday, which this year will be Christmas Eve, the Dies Iræ (Hymn 398) will be sung after Evensong, all kneeling.

WEEK DAYS.

HOLY EUCHARIST—On S. Thomas' Day, (Dec. 21) the Ember Days, (Dec. 20, 22, 23) and all Thursdays, at 7.30 a. m.

MATTINS, 9 a. m.; EVENSONG, 5.30 p. m., except Wednesdays and S. Thomas' Day 8 p.m.

SERMONS.

Sunday Courses:

MORNING, 11 a. m.	EVENING, 7.30 p. m.
	THE LAST FOUR THINGS:
Dec. 3. "The beginning of the year changed."	Death.
* 10. "The Great Mystery of Godliness."	Judgment.
17. "Our New Gifts."	Hell.
24. "Christmas Festivities."	(Christmas Eve) Heaven.

Wednesday Evening Course of Instruction 8. p. m.
Upon "Our Christmas Communion."

On **Fridays** there will be short appropriate Lections at Evensong.

CHRISTMAS EVE.

First Evensong of the Festival and Procession at 7.30 p. m.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

HOLY EUCHARIST (Choral) 8 a. m.
MATTINS AND SERMON, 11 "
EVENSONG, 3 p. m.

On the Festivals of S. Stephen, S. John Evang. and Holy Innocents.

HOLY EUCHARIST, 7.30 a. m.
MATTINS, 9 "
EVENSONG AND SERMON WITH PROCESSION, 8 p. m.

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* All the Services for the second Sunday in Advent will be taken by the Rev. G. W. Hodgson of S. Peter's, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

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